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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei. 9-54668, published on February 25, 1997, along with an English language abstract.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application.

U.S. patent Application No. 09/765,394, filed on January 22, 2001.

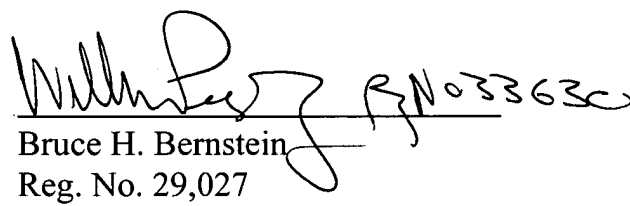
Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and the published document (including an English language abstract) is listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication

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in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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